

REMARKS

In the Title:

In light of the election, Applicant requests that the Title be changed to “Method for Dispensing Soap.” Applicant believes that the amended Title more accurately represents the claimed invention.

In the Claims:

In the Office Action mailed October 15, 2004, the Examiner made final the restriction requirement mailed June 25, 2004. As a result, the Examiner withdrew Claims 51-65 and 73-74 from consideration.

The Examiner further rejected Claims 66-70 under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 15-18 and 29-34 of U.S. Patent No. 6,467,651. The Examiner further stated that a timely filed terminal disclaimer may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a non-statutory double patenting ground.

Finally, the Examiner objected to Claims 71-72 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner stated that Claims 71-72 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

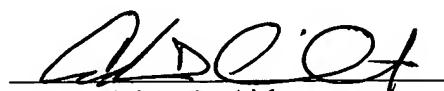
Applicant submits with this Response a Terminal Disclaimer of the current application as to any period of time beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,467,651. U.S. Patent No. 6,467,651 is the grandparent of the current application, and shares common ownership with the current application. Applicant believes that the terminal disclaimer has cured any double patenting issue. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of Claims 66-70.

Applicant further requests that the Examiner withdraw the objections to Claims 71-72. Applicant submits that Claim 66 is now allowable, and, as a result, Applicant submits that Claims 71-72 are also allowable. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objections to Claims 71-72.

SUMMARY

In light of the Remarks and Terminal Disclaimer, Applicant submits that pending Claims 66-72 are allowable. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner grant early allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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